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FOR : METHOD FOR TREATING CHRONIC PAIN USING MEK INHIBITORS

**Preliminary Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

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Please add the following new paragraph on page 1, after the title and before line 5:

This application is a 371 application of PCT/US00/18347 filed July 5, 2000, which claims the benefit of priority to United States provisional application Serial No. 60/144,292 filed July 16, 1999.

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